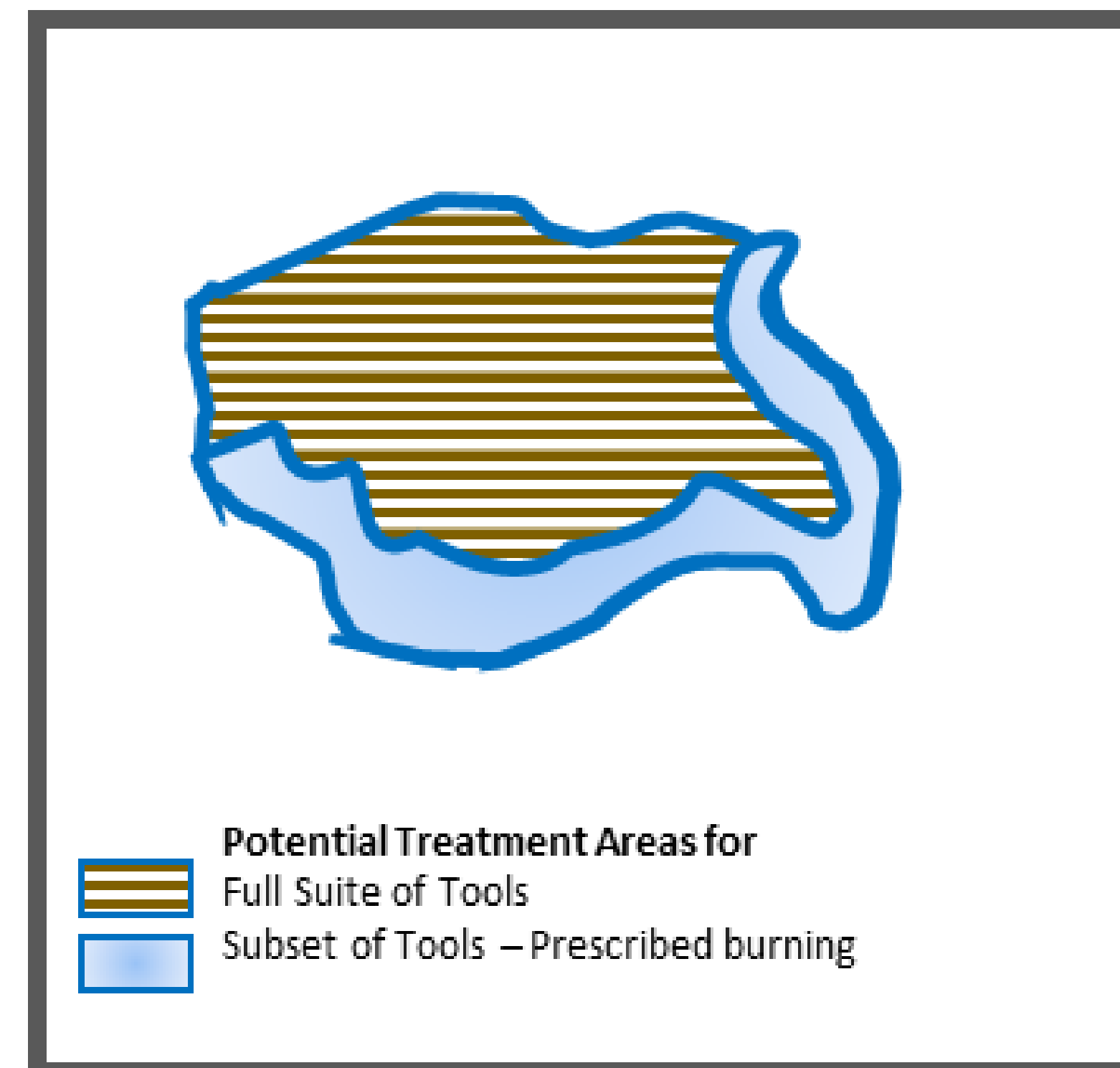


Adaptive Implementation and Monitoring Framework

The following diagrams show the process for identifying and implementing a project within the LaVA area.

Focus Areas

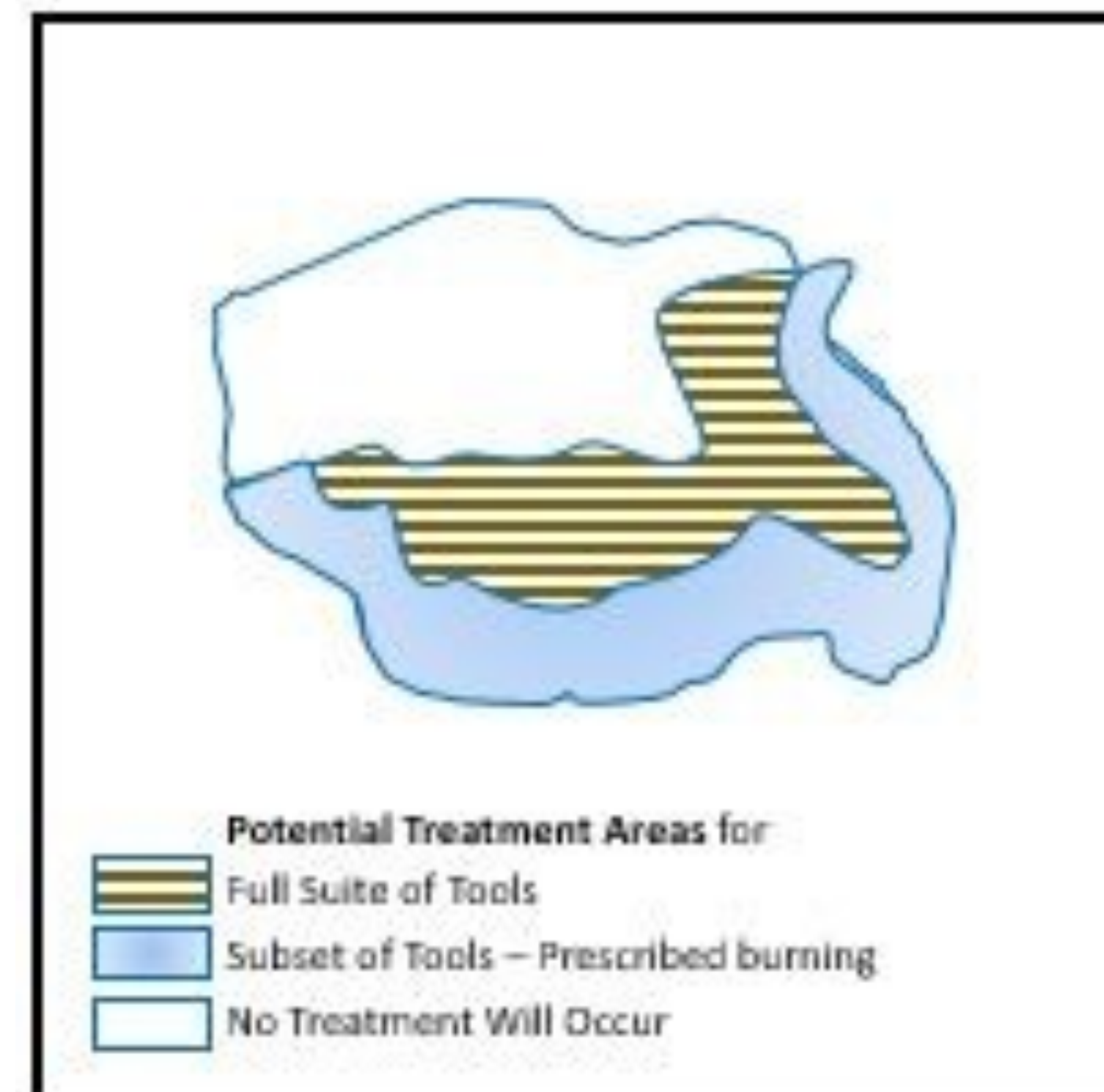


Determine focus areas:

Initialization of Project Implementation

Following the signing of the Record of Decision (ROD) for LaVA, the Forest Service would begin on-the-ground implementation of the decision. Forest Service (FS), cooperating agencies, and the general public would work together on a continual basis to identify and prioritize focus areas for treatment. FS will plan an out-year program to implement LaVA over time. Proposed treatments would be consistent with the LaVA ROD (including analyzed Treatment Opportunity Areas), the Medicine Bow Forest Plan, and the Southern Rockies Lynx Amendment (SRLA).

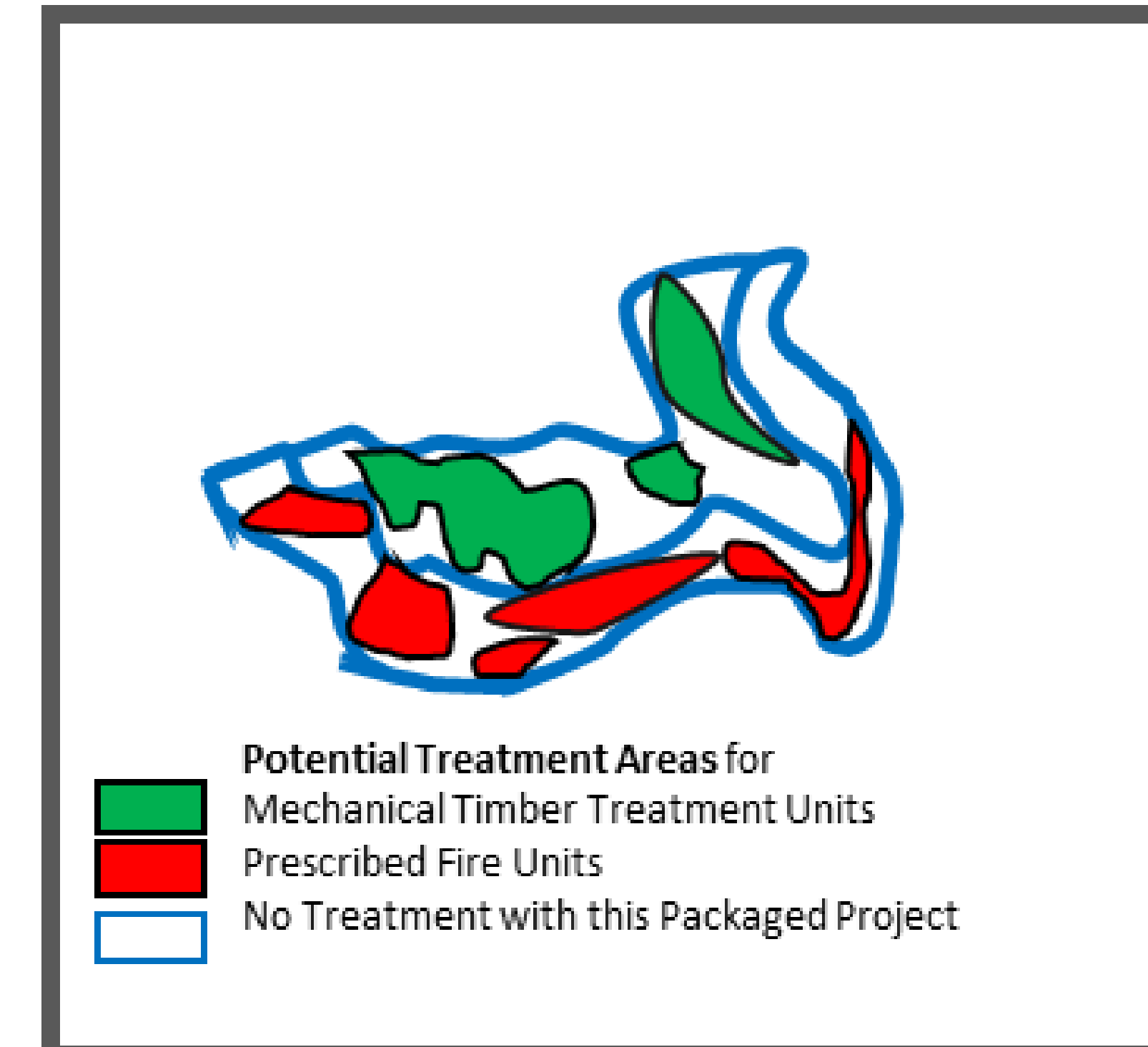
Project Refinement



Refined Project area:

Public, cooperator, Forest Service review, feedback, and refinement
Focus areas would be further refined based on feedback from the public, cooperators and the Forest Service. Refinement of focus areas would consider, but not be limited to, stand conditions, lynx habitat and allowances under the SRLA, watershed conditions and equivalent clearcut area, on-the-ground survey information, and feasibility factors such as slope, access for management, sensitive soils, riparian areas and other factors as appropriate.

Packaged Project

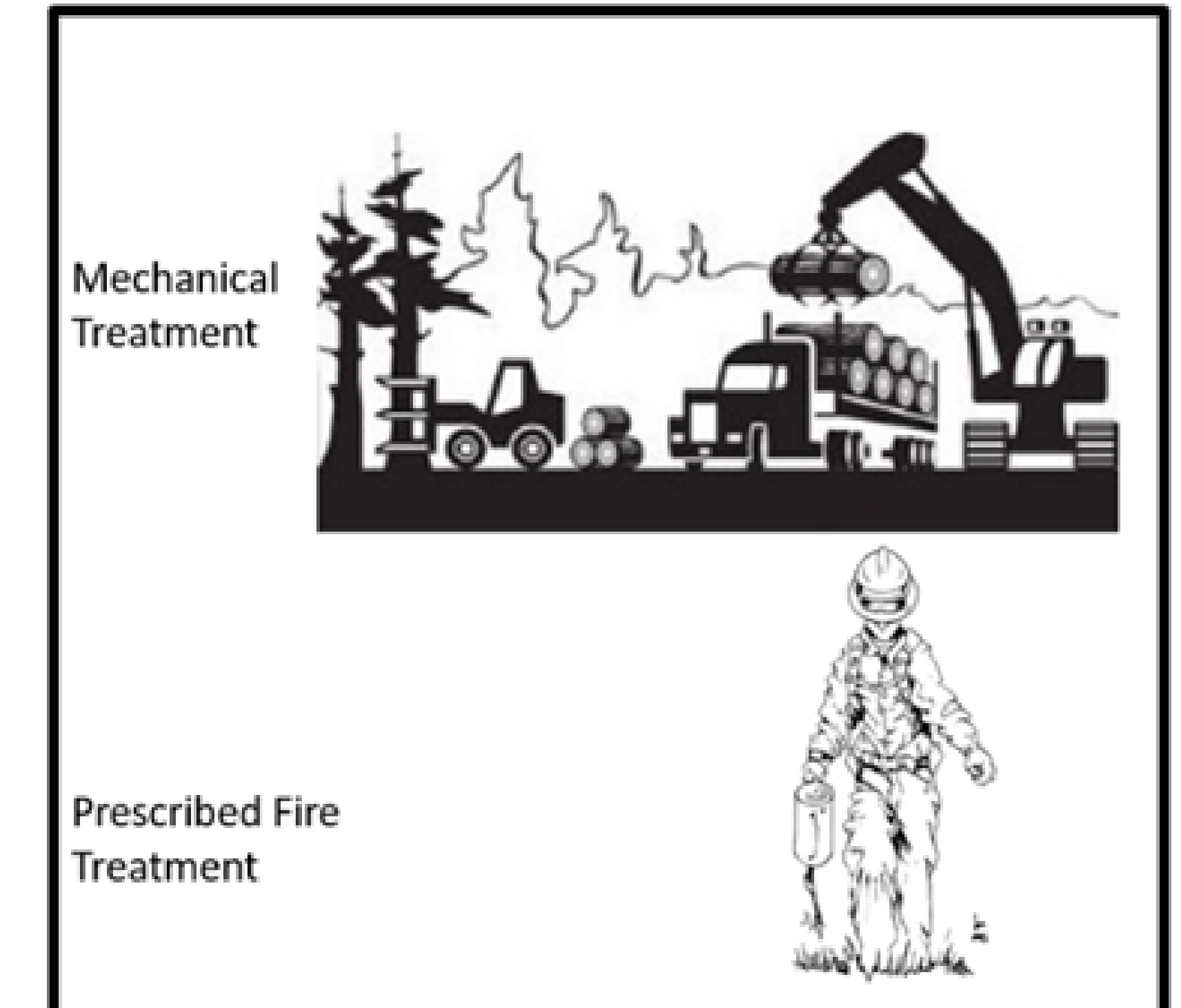


Packaged Project:

Field Validation – further refinement

These are areas which have been field-verified and surveyed for sensitive resources, including cultural resources, inventoried roadless areas, rare plants, raptor nests, wetland and riparian concerns, access for proposed treatment methods, etc. Treatment areas would be site-specific polygons identified for inclusion in implementation instruments. All treatment areas would be evaluated against an Implementation Checklist/Framework to ensure inclusion of applicable design criteria and consistency with the ROD. Some areas may be excluded from treatment for resource concerns. Treatment areas would be shared with the public and cooperators.

Project Implementation



Project Implementation:

Implementation of Treatments

Treatment areas would be included in implementation instruments such as timber sale contracts, prescribed burn plans, agreements, other contracts and plans. These instruments would be used to achieve objectives for fuels treatment, prescribed fire, silvicultural treatments, or timber harvest/salvage. Treatments would be monitored following completion of the project. Results would be shared with the public and cooperators.

